

To Whom it May Concern,

It was brought to my attention that the National Association of Broadcasters has begun a lobbying campaign in with the goal of influencing Congress and the FCC to limit satellite radio's ability to provide "locally oriented" content, including the new XM Instant Traffic & Weather channels. I would like to inform all concerned that the service provided by XM radio is of great benefit to me as I travel from rural southern Maryland to D.C. or Baltimore. It provides timely and accurate traffic reports which I cannot other wise receive. Living in southern Maryland, there are no local stations which can provide the service offered by XM and I do not feel that a group of lobbyist representing "local" broadcasters should dictate the content of satellite radio radio especially XM traffic and weather channels. This is one of the reasons I chose to pay for this service since local broadcasters could not (would not) provide it. I respectfully urge the FCC and Congress to reject the NAB's petition 04-160.

Thank you.

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